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SUBJECT: END USE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT PURCHASED UNDER FMS
CREDITS

1. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, INTERNAL SECURITY PRACTICES OF
ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT ARE CREATING PRESSURES FOR TERMINATION
OF U.S. MILITARY SALES. THE DEPARTMENT AND THE CONGRESS
WILL WISH TO KNOW WHETHER OUR EQUIPMENT IS BEING USED
AGAINST CIVILIAN POPULATION IN REPRESSIVE FASHION.

2. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT CONGRESS WILL PROBE THIS
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SUBJECT IN DEPTH WHEN ARGENTINE HEARINGS RESUME. FRASER
COMMITTEE STAFFERS HAVE ALREADY RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE
USE OF HELICOPTERS AND TACTICAL RADIOS. LINES OF INQUIRY
ARE AS FOLLOWS: ARE U.S. HELICOPTERS BEING USED TO FIGHT
GUERRILLAS? WHERE? HOW? WHICH OF THE COMMUNICATIONS
EQUIPMENT WE HAVE FURNISHED HAS INTERNAL SECURITY APPLICA-
TIONS? WHERE ARE THE TACTICAL RADIOS WE SUPPLIED BEING

USED? WHAT KINDS OF UNITS ARE USING THEM? ARE U.S.
ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS USED IN INTERNAL SECURITY
OPERATIONS? HOW? WHAT ROLE DO RIVERPATROL CRAFT HAVE
IN COUNTER INSURGENCY?

3. EMBASSY IS IN BEST POSITION TO KNOW HOW ARGENTINES
ARE USING WHAT WE SUPPLY UNDER FMS CREDITS. WHILE WE
RECOGNIZE WE CANNOT MONITOR MUCH OF WHAT WE SELL, IN
ORDER FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO DECIDE WHETHER AND HOW TO
JUSTIFY A CONTINUATION OF OUR PROGRAM IT IS ESSENTIAL
THAT WE KNOW IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE THE WAY IN
WHICH EQUIPMENT PROVIDED UNDER PREVIOUS PROGRAM IS BEING
UTILIZED. THE EMBASSY IS, THEREFORE, REQUESTED TO MAKE
AN URGENT, INTENSIVE REVIEW OF UTILIZATION OF EQUIPMENT
PROVIDED TO ARGENTINA UNDER FMS CREDITS DURING LAST TWO
FISCAL YEARS (75 AND 76) AND REPORT IN DETAIL PRIOR TO
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